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Dear School Community,

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As a member of the school community, here is what you can do to help us reduce idling and improve our air quality in our schools neighborhoods:

**Students** take this hand card home and educate your family on the importance of not idling.

**Bus Drivers** only run your engines when necessary.

**Parents** get regular engine tune-ups so that your engine is clean and in good shape.

**Teachers** establish and abide by a dismissal system so that students are not inhaling unnecessary fumes waiting to board the school bus.

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